

Docket No.: 50212-317

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Motonori NAKAMURA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8188  
Serial No.: 10/005,199 : Group Art Unit: 1731  
Filed: December 07, 2001 : Examiner: Hoffman, John M.  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office

Action dated May 12, 2004.

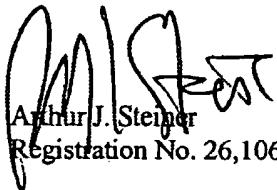
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Fee has been charged

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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